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1. HEIKAL STORY ACCUSING U.S. OF HELPING ISRAEL CROSS SUEZ CANAL BY PROVIDING PHOTOS OF AREA BETWEEN EGYPTIAN SECOND AND THIRD ARMIES TAKEN DURING TWO RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS ON OCTOBER 13 CARRIED ON REUTERS WIRE FROM CAIRO AND IN BEIRUT'S PRO-CAIRO AL-ANWAR ON OCTOBER 28.

2. STORY REPLAYED IN BEIRUT'S PRO-CAIRO AL-YOUN AND INDEPENDENT FRENCH L'ORIENT-LE JOUR AND EMBELLISHED IN BEIRUT'S LEFTIST PRO-CAIRO PRO-COMMANDO AL-MUHARRIR ON OCTOBER 29.

3. ALTHOUGH THIS LINE NOT YET DEVELOPED INTO A 1973 "LITTLE LIE" CAMPAIGN (AND INDEED PRO-WEST AL-HAYAT HAS POKED FUN EDITORIALLY AT HEIKAL'S PRETENSIONS AS MILITARY EXPERT), POST FEELS STORY COULD, UNLESS CATEGORICALLY DENIED, SERVE VERY UNPRODUCTIVELY AS KERNEL AROUND WHICH ALL THE VARIOUS CHARGES OF ISRAELI-AMERICAN COLLUSION CRYSTALLIZE.

4. POST THEREFORE SUGGESTS AND EMBASSY CONCURS THAT APPROPRIATE DENIAL ACTION BE TAKEN SOONEST. CURTISS

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